

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 517

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By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, petition of Peter J. Larkin and others that the State Board of Retirement be directed to pay certain benefits to Pamela J. Downing, the surviving spouse of district attorney Gerard D. Downing of Berkshire County. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Peter J. Larkin  
Daniel E. Bosley

William Smitty Pignatelli

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE RETIREMENT BOARD TO PAY CERTAIN  
RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF  
GERARD D. DOWNING.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
2 special law to the contrary, for the purpose of promoting the  
3 public good, the state retirement board is hereby authorized and  
4 directed to pay to Pamela J. Downing, the surviving spouse of  
5 Gerard D. Downing, the District Attorney of Berkshire county, an  
6 accidental death benefit as provided under the provisions of  
7 section nine of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 2004.